

## **Amendments to the Specification**

Page 4, last paragraph bridging to page 5:

The mask 2 comprises a mount 20 and an inflatable cuff 21. The mount 20 is of a plastics material and is generally of a shoe or funnel shape. It has a relatively thick wall so that it is relatively stiff. The rear, machine end of the mount 20 has a neck 22 of circular section embracing and bonded to the patient end 10 of the tube 1. A silicone gasket (not shown) may be inserted between the tube 1 and the mount 20 to improve the seal. The mount 20 tapers outwardly from the machine end 22 12 to its patient end 23, which is inclined to the axis of the machine end at an angle  $\theta$  of about  $25^\circ$  so that the patient end of the mount has an oval shape with its forward end 24 being more pointed than its rear end 25. The patient end 23 of the mount 20 is inclined to face towards the inner side of the curve of the tube 1. Internally, the machine end 22 of the mount 20 communicates with a cavity 26 in the mount that increases in cross-sectional area along its length, from the machine end.